Agreement with Namibia

†3020. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with Namibia for boosting economic co-operation; and

(a) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) India and Namibia have a large number of agreements for cooperation in various areas such as trade, technical co-operation, agriculture, energy, small scale industries, etc. During the State Visit of Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of Namibia to India in February 2003, a Memorandum of Understanding for further cooperation in the economic and technical fields, with particular emphasis on Small and Medium Enterprises, Agro-Processing, Health, Information Technology and Public Service Training was signed.

Assistance to Afghanistan in framing constitution

3021. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government propose to provide assistance in framing the constitution of Afghanistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the policy framed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) As part of its assistance to Afghan reconstruction, government has provided and also offered further capacities and sharing of experiences with the Afghan government in various fields of nation and institution building including in the judicial sector and framing of a new Afghan constitution.

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